

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A host system used in combination with a driving  
apparatus for recording information on an information  
recording medium and reading information recorded on the  
information recording medium. The host system includes an  
instruction generation section for generating an  
instruction including designation information designating  
10 an operation type of an operation to be performed by the  
driving apparatus, and advanced notice information  
indicating whether the operation type of an operation  
immediately subsequent to the operation designated by the  
designation information is the same as the operation type  
of the operation designated by the designation information;  
15 and an output section for outputting the instruction to the  
driving apparatus. The operation type is either one of a  
recording operation of recording information on the  
information recording medium or a reading operation of  
reading information recorded on the information recording  
20 medium.